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doesn't mind putting it on property tax under 344, with 2.5 mills. I would like to see someone be consistent some place. Either you're going to put it on the property tax, or you're going to put it on sales and income tax. I think this particular amendment is saving about \$7 or \$8 million. It will let people know how you feel about spending their money. I can assure you there's probably an awful lot of money spent foolishly in this budget. I wish I certainly didn't vote for it to start with.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, before we continue I would like to announce some of the groups that are still here and that have left us. First one is in the South balcony, 33 seventh, eighth and ninth graders. I don't know if they're still here from Westbrook Senior High in Omaha. That's located in Senator Goodrich, Koch and Stoney's district. Also in the South balcony we've had 23 grade school students from North Bend in Senator Johnson's district. Senator Bereuter has some friends in the North balcony, some eighth graders from Holy Name School in Omaha. Thank you, all of you, for coming. We're very happy to have student groups here.

Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've been sitting here listening to the debate on Senator Bereuter's amendment. I'm thoroughly confused. I cannot support it at all. One reason is that state government, being here in Lincoln and the majority of it here in Lincoln and having been an employee of state government, an inter-agency of state government, I have a feeling that Senator Bereuter's amendment will just affect the people in these agencies. I don't think they'll cut on programs. Two or three things really bother me about Senator Bereuter's amendment. I think he's admitting something that I think he never would have done. He was an administrator of an agency and a good one. I think what he is telling us is that his agency ran with fat in the budget, and that he did not have the budget down to where it should have been. I'm surprised because I had always thought him to be a capable administrator that took and wanted the money as he needed it. The agency that worked for never spent in excess of what were budgeted for. We had a fear of this body. As you know I was in the Fire Marshal's Office and we wouldn't spent a dime that wasn't appropriated because we were affraid of King Marvel and his crew. Now, I have a strange feeling that Senator Bereuter, for some reason or other, is saying that the Budget Committee took all this information and then brought these bills to the floor with fat in them. That bothers me. It bothers me a great deal. If there's fat in this bill, how many other bills from the Appropriations Committee have got the same amount of fat in it. I think that Senator Bereuter is making the news and not being real concerned with what the results would be at the end of it. His cuts won't come in any place but employees. I doubt if we could stand that, especially in the city of Lincoln.